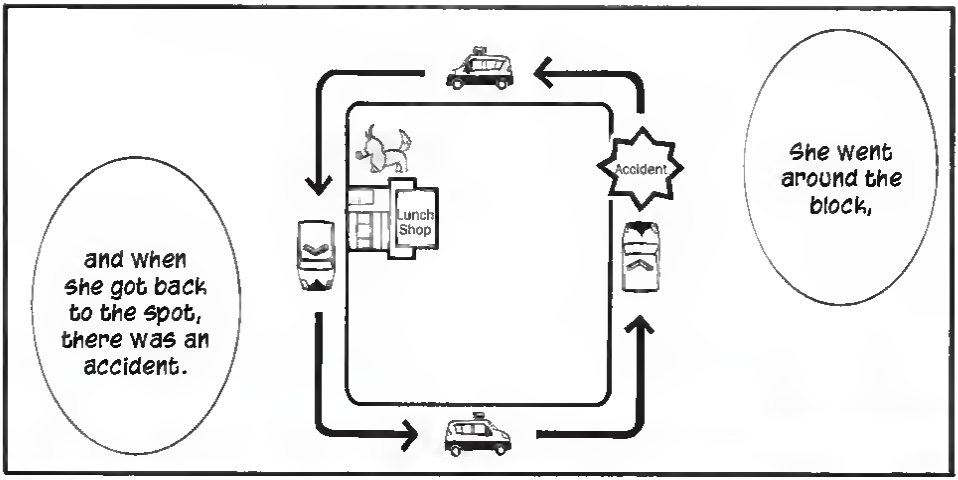
I suspect that Miss Nanami
is not the driver who hit the man.
Huh...? What do you mean, Sherdog?
Quite so. But I saw something.
But she's right there crying about how she hit him...
The accident didn't happen when Nanami was driving?
What?!
VROOM...
turned the corner at the intersection up ahead, and she looked rather perturbed.
No more than five minutes ago, that senior officer

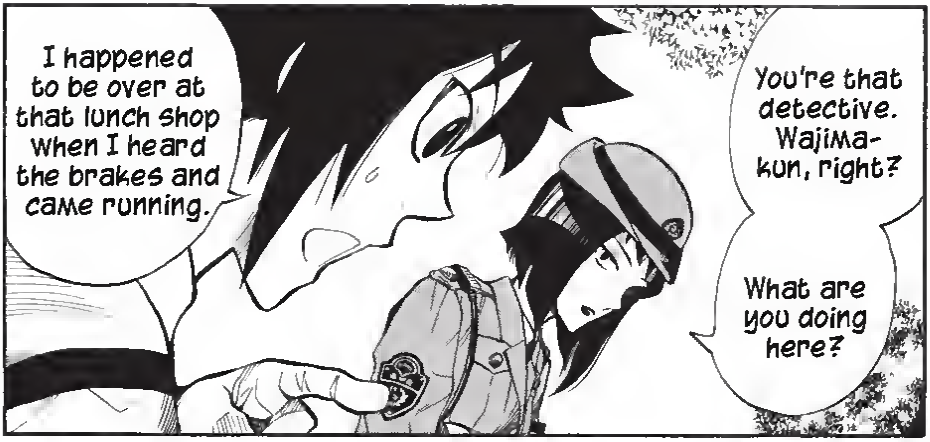

She went around the block,
Lunch Shop
Accident
and when she got back to the spot, there was an accident.

she made Miss Nanami drive—the rookie police officer
Who had only just gotten her license.
Further-more, at that time,

You're just going to have to, Watson.
...I see. You're right, that might be a little weird.
But is there any way to prove it?

!
In addi-tion...
PSST

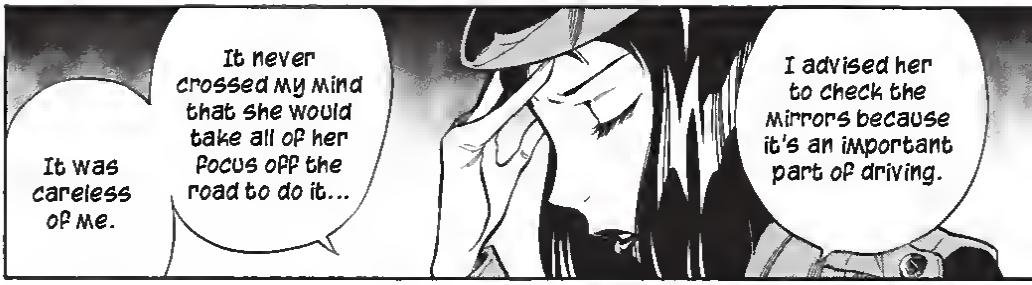
...All right!
Otherwise, Miss Nanami
will be accused of causing injury by reckless driving!
He's unconscious, but he still has a pulse.
Is he going to be okay?
WHEW...
Kamoshida-sempai!
...
I...I'm sorry.
Please step aside— we're in a hurry!

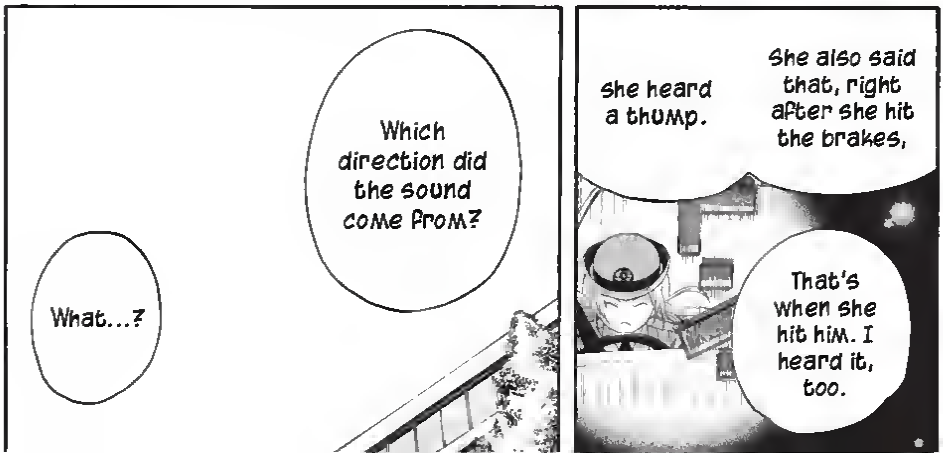

I happened to be over at that lunch shop when I heard the brakes and came running.
You're that detective. Wajima-kun, right?
What are you doing here?

I'd like to ask you some questions, since you were a passenger in the offending vehicle.
What...?
Would that be all right?

I'll talk my way out of this.
I've come too far to turn back now.
I can handle a rookie detective like him.
No...no problem.
Ask me anything.
Good idea.
I can't say the same for myself.
My years as a police officer... My marriage prospects— they'd all go up in smoke.
But she's young—she can start over.
If I can pin this on Nanami, the worst she'll get is a disciplinary dismissal.
...
CLICK
I have more to lose!
So much more!!

According to Officer Nanami,
you told her to make sure to check the rearview mirrors just before the accident.
She looked away for a second,
and you shouted, "Stop! Hit the brakes!"
GLANCE


I advised her to check the mirrors because it's an important part of driving.
It never crossed my mind that she would take all of her focus off the road to do it...
It was careless of me.


She also said that, right after she hit the brakes,
she heard a thump.
That's when she hit him. I heard it, too.
Which direction did the sound come from?
What...?

The left... okay, let me see.
?!
...
...
Who is this kid? He asks about the most minor details.
Which... direction...did it come from?
Don't tell me he suspects something...
...I think it was the left.
...No, that can't be right.
Yes, the left. I'm sure of it.
It bothers me that she had to think about it.
However,
We can determine the direction of the sound by asking Miss Nanami.
She's not likely to lie about that.
What do you think, Sherdog?

It's possible that the real impact was on the right side.
Huh? What do you mean?

Stop! Hit the brakes!
She made Miss Nanami drive in an attempt to cover it up.
She had her pass by the same spot and made it look like a different accident.
And blamed it all on her.
Is... is he...dead Kamoshida-sa-san?

Can't you see, Watson?
I mean that it was Officer Kamoshida who caused the accident.

GRRR...
But when you look at it from that angle, all the pieces fits together.
Look there.
That...that's awful...

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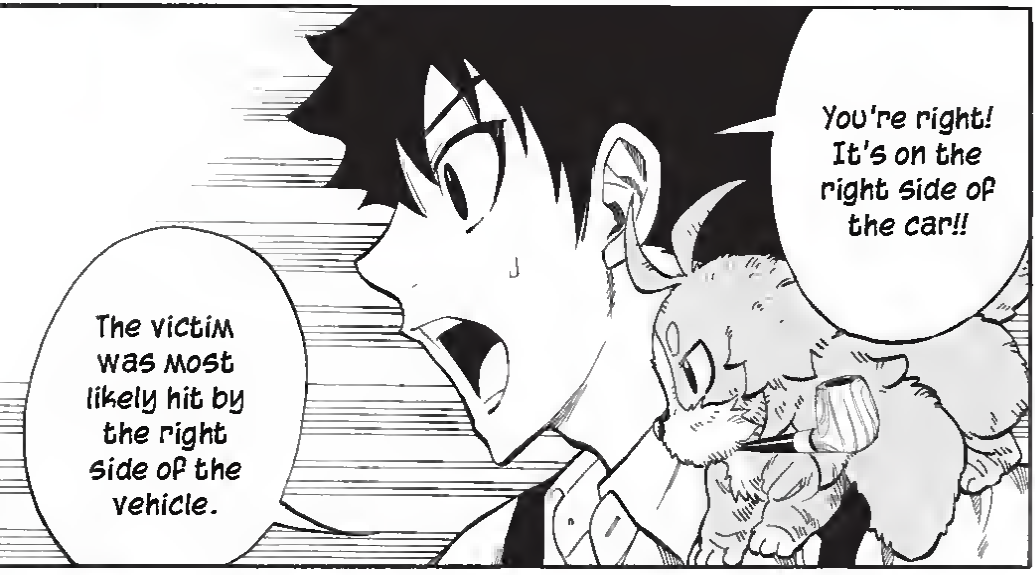
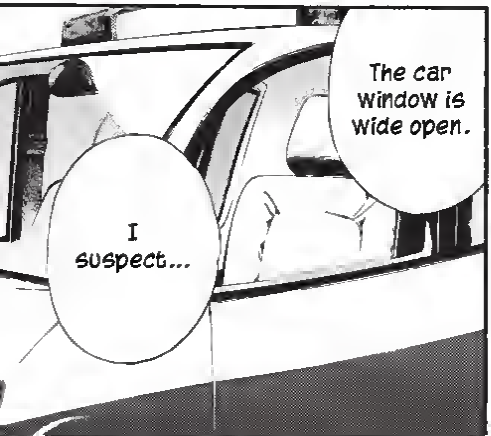
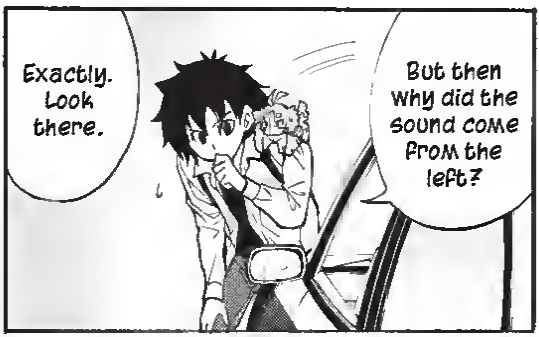
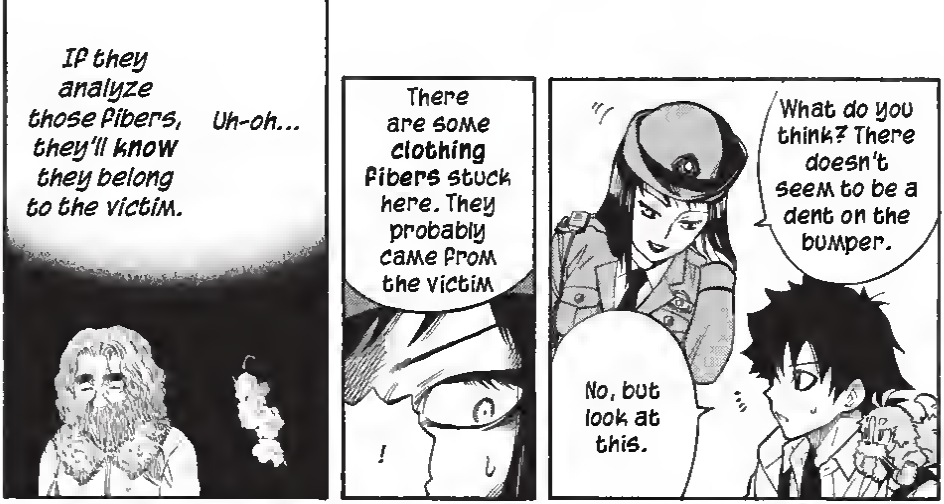
There's something caught in the headlight. It looks like clothing fibers.


You're right! It's on the right side of the car!!
The victim was most likely hit by the right side of the vehicle.


The car window is wide open.
I suspect...

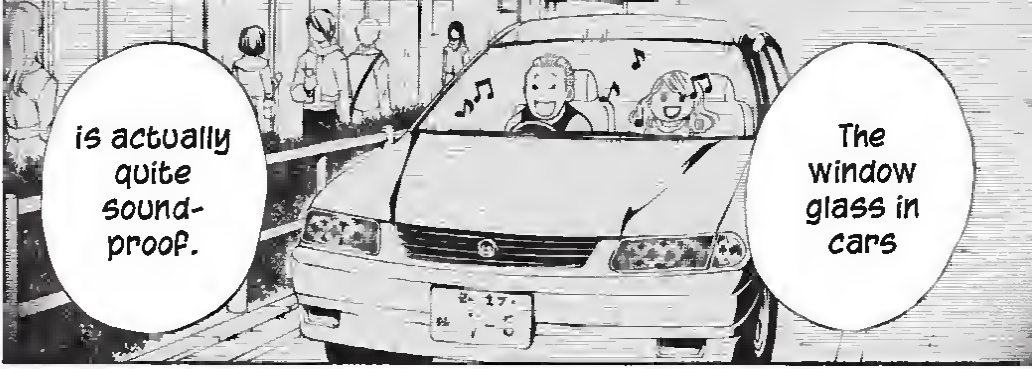

Exactly. Look there.
But then why did the sound come from the left?


If they analyze those fibers, they'll know they belong to the victim.
Uh-oh...
There are some clothing fibers stuck here. They probably came from the victim
!
What do you think? There doesn't seem to be a dent on the bumper.
No, but look at this.

I don't see any traces of impact on the left side of the car.
Are you sure you didn't hit him on the right?
...
...What do I do?

You shouted for Officer Nanami to stop.
...Hmm. I thought the sound came from the left...
Wasn't that because you saw him jump out?
You didn't see the car hit him?

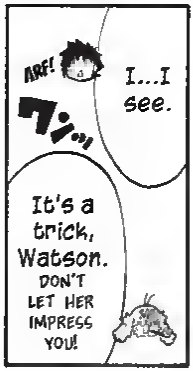
I was afraid he'd go there...
...
I think at the time, he was on the right.
For example...
Yes, of course I saw it.
Calm down, Katsuyo.
You've seen hundreds of accidents.
They happen in all kinds of different ways.
No, I closed my eyes for a second...
You didn't see the impact?
What?
Maybe it only sounded that way because I had the left window open.
And you say the sound came from the left?


The window glass in cars
is actually quite sound-proof.

So I didn't hear the impact through the glass.
...
And that could have made it feel like the sound came from the left.
It came in through the open window on the left.

He said "I see" twice.
SMIRK...
I should be in the clear now.

I...I see!
I suspect that Officer Kamoshida...


ARF!
I...I see.
It's a trick, Watson.
DON'T LET HER IMPRESS YOU!

She'll hide the evidence!
No! If you let her do the inspection
Well, you had better report to the precinct.
You can let me inspect the scene.
CLACK
Uh...
But...but I'm in the detective division.
Traffic accidents are for the traffic depart-ment...
I have it, Watson!
!!
I'm trying to figure that out.
What do I do?! What do I...
CLACK
CLACK
CLACK

Kamoshida-sempai!
!
I think this inspection...
...better be handled by a detective.
...What are you saying?
Traffic accidents are for the traffic department.
This is out of your jurisdiction.
...
I've found evidence indicating that it's not just a traffic accident!
Look here.
These tire marks.
GASP!
That happens when you slam on the brakes.
...They're just skid marks.

But you see,
there are two sets.

So someone in a similar vehicle drove by this same spot
Both sets... happen to have a similar tire tread.
and slammed on their brakes before Officer Nanami did.

NO...
G-DMP

before Officer Nanami's car passed by.
...You see.
B-DMP...
In other words, the victim
may have been hit by someone else.
B-DMP...
The little...
B-DMP...
Wouldn't you agree that, as a detective, I should do the inspection?
In that case, this wouldn't be an accident, but a crime.
So for now...
Wait a second!
But it would look suspicious if I fought him too hard...
Does he suspect me?
If I let him investigate, he might find something else.

I saw the victim jump out.
I saw it!

That's the logical conclusion, isn't it?
caused by a similar accident that happened long before this one.
So these tire marks must have been

!
He seems homeless, and he's definitely getting on in years, so...
Maybe the same person jumped out in front of a similar car.

You can't determine the exact type of car based on skid marks.
Well? Can you deny it?
But even so,
she's piled so many testimonies on top of each other that she can't back down now.
...
I could have expected as much from a veteran policewoman.
All of her experience gives her an endless supply of excuses...
She's more formidable than I thought.
we'll force her to confess.
If we press her on the contradictions,

I have an ace up my sleeve, Watson.
And
Fear not! Press forward!
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